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Wynne Home receives Meadows Foundation extension

April 1 marked the original deadline for receiving a challenge grant from the Meadows Foundation, but a new deadline has been set for May 1. Challenge grants challenge an organization to raise new money, which will be matched one-to-one by the foundation.

Linda Pease, Cultural Services Coordinator for the City, said new money has been received, and the home now only lacks around \$7,000 to reach the \$55,000 challenge mark set by the foundation.

“We have collected or have pledges for \$47,686. But we don’t have much time,” she said. “I highly encourage anyone who wants information to call the Cultural Services office and we’ll be glad to answer any questions.”

Pease wants everyone to know that all contributions will be recognized in the Arts Center, but she says now major contributors will be recognized with a permanent metal plaque stating their name.

“All contributions will be recognized at the Center, and everyone who has given \$1000 or more will receive special recognition as a major contributor at the home,” she said.

For those in the community who have no interest in the Arts or Cultural Services, Pease said the Wynne Home will offer much more than this.

“At the Walker County Trade Expo, we had a booth for the Wynne Home, and several people said to me that they didn’t know much about the arts,” she said. “An elderly lady said this to me, and I told her she could come and just sit on the porch and listen to music, and her face lit up. She said she would love that because she’s always thought it was a beautiful home.

“After her reaction, I began telling everyone that even if they didn’t want to attend functions inside the home, they could come and sit and have lunch on the porch, and it was amazing the effect that had on people,” Pease said. “There is an appeal to the thought that we have this lovely grand house that belongs to all of us.”

To donate time or money to the Wynne Home Arts Center, contact Pease at (936) 294-5422 or send donations in care of the Wynne Home, 1212 Avenue M, Huntsville, TX 77340.